

REMARKS

Amendment of Claims

Claims 84-86, 94-96, 101 and 102 are canceled as drawn to non-elected invention. Applicants reserve the rights to file the canceled claims in one or more divisional applications.

Claim 87 is amended for clarity. The alternative, (c) and (d), is deleted from Claim 87 and presented as new Claim 113.

New Claims 114-119 are supported by Claims 88-93.

No new matter is added in any of the above amendments.

Invention Election

Applicants confirm the election of Group I, Claims 80-83, 87-93, 97-100 and 103-112 for prosecution.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 80-83, 87-93, 97-100 and 103-112 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Chen et al. (US 6,545,797)

US 6,545,797 was issued on April 8, 2003, which is after the priority date of the instant application. The subject matter of Chen et al can only qualify as prior art under 102(e) against the claimed invention. Because the subject matter of Chen et al and the claimed invention were, at the time this invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person, i.e. SiPix Imaging, Inc., Chen et al shall not preclude patentability of the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C.103(c)(1).

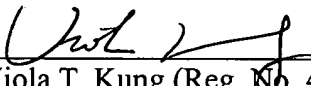
Accordingly, the 103(a) rejection of Claims 80-83, 87-93, 97-100 and 103-112 should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance.
Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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